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That sinking feeling

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On Feb. 28, a sinkhole opened up under Jeffery Bush's, 36, bedroom in his house. The four other people in Bush's home escaped, but not Bush himself. The tragedy of that natural disaster left many Florida residents worried as another smaller sinkhole opened up not too far away from the 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep sinkhole that killed Bush. Education can help people understand what sinkholes are and how they are created.

What are sinkholes? They are the deterioration of limestone or chalk from acidic water. Sinkholes take years to dissolve the top layer of limestone or chalk, so why does Florida have so many? It is because Florida has limestone through-out the whole state beneath our feet. When the soluble rock dissolves too much, it can no longer support the top soil that makes up the surface and it breaks into the hole and forms a sinkhole. These are natural sinkholes that form; however, sinkholes can also form because of the construction of water or sewer lines.

Why do sinkholes happen? Sinkholes are a natural event that helps rain water to percolate into the deeper Earth. In Florida, sinkholes help to refill the aquifer and create groundwater. However, sinkholes occur in numerous areas such as acid rain.

As for the massive sinkhole that cracked open that Thursday night, it evoked a long battle of trying to save Bush's life. Rescue crews tried for hours to move debris and search for Bush's body, but could not get too close because of the size and danger the sinkhole presented to rescue crews.

"I heard a loud crash, like a car coming through the house," Jeremy Bush, Jeffery Bush's brother, told police.

Jeremy tried to help his brother when he heard Jeffery screaming for help. He went into the bedroom and saw his brother's bed falling into the hole. Jeremy tried to save his brother, but could not manage to get him out of the hole. After hours of putting into the cavity listening devices, they concurred that Bush was to be presumed dead. The sinkhole was presumed to be dangerous to the community, and it was decided to collapse the house and try to fill it as soon as possible. A memorial was held for Bush, and many felt like they could start the grieving processes.

"I know in my heart he's dead. But I just want to be here for him because I love him. He was my brother, man," said Jeremy Bush to The Times.

Sadly, another sinkhole started to open up in Seffner. While not nearly as large as the one that killed Bush, it still posed a threat and left the community worried of what will happen next. The sinkhole is 8 feet wide and 10 feet deep. It sits between two homes, and authorities say that it is currently not a threat to the homes nearby; but residents were evacuated as a precaution.

Sinkholes can sometimes be abrupt, but there can be signs to warn if a sinkhole is occurring close to you:

- Check for fresh cracks in the foundation, floor, or wall
- A door does not set right or does not shut when it once did
- A tree might start leaning
- There might be a depression in the ground

Sinkholes are a serious threat in Florida and can sometimes result in tragedy. However, it is important to remember that sinkholes are a natural occurrence and need to happen in order for rainwater to reach into the ground. One can be prepared as much as possible while still allowing the natural to occur.

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S.E.R.V.E. trips prove to be successful

By Brendan Gorman
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This past week five groups of students went on S.E.R.V.E. trips to Ecuador, Costa Rica, Mexico, the Florida Keys, and Cove crest (located in Georgia). These trips were designed to show how service can be rewarding, not only for the communities visited, but also for the ones serving the communities. Those that went on these trips felt that they were very successful.

Mandy Altu, the program director of S.E.R.V.E., had a lot of insight on the groups that participated in the Spring Break trips. She described each of the trips, in detail, and showed how they were so successful.

The trip to Mexico was to help bring technology to the region they visited by building a computer lab. They accomplished building this computer lab through bringing laptops and other technologies, which were not previously available to these people before they came. The trip was interesting as it was a returning trip because they had already built the lab, itself, two years ago and was able to see their work be finished, which Mandy described as "exciting".

The next trip was S.E.R.V.E. Ecuador, led by Ally Vincent, to a working boy's camp, which used to be an orphanage, is now a family oriented organization to find jobs and help people realize the talents and skills they already have to obtain employment.

Mac Culkeen led a trip to Costa Rica accompanied by an organization called Appleseed Expeditions which incorporates education and services into one through stressing conservation through educating the people. Lexi Paul led a trip to the Florida Keys, which was a recreated and hopefully continuing trip where they worked in a wild bird sanctuary, helped RCNA which helps migrant children to mentor them and help with landscaping and the upkeep of the facility.

The final trip was to Covecrest in Tiger Georgia, led by Jessa Albert.

"This was a very spiritually harnessing trip which focused on personal reflecting and helping rebuild the campsite," said Altu.

This trip had an interesting aspect as these students were able to meet with a Saint Leo alumnus, Amanda Cassar the past Student Government Union President and 2012 graduate, which Altu said was "very cool". One thing that Altu let us know was that these trips do not require religious affiliation or for the person to be religious but they do require a reflection before, during, and after the trip to show how the core values applied to

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S.E.R.V.E. Ecuador 2013 Spring Break

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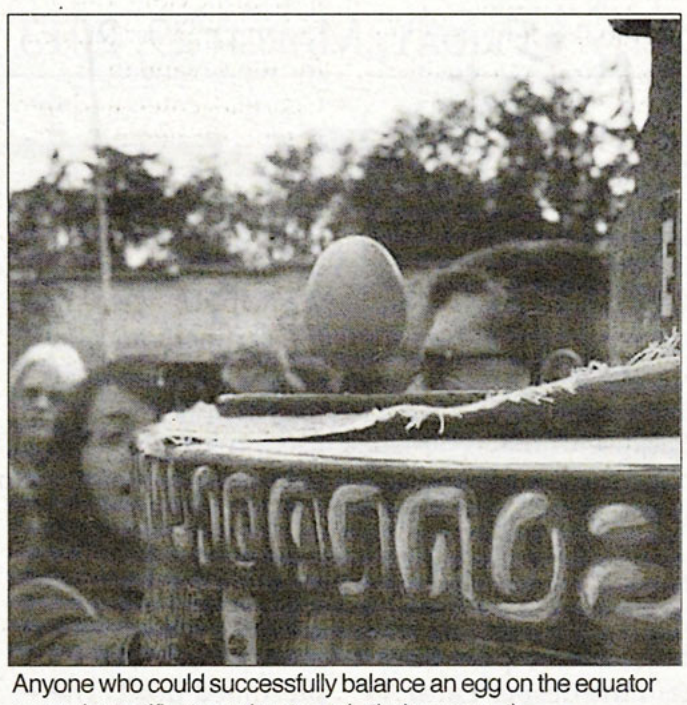
Equatorial line at Intiñan Solar Museum in Quito, Ecuador)



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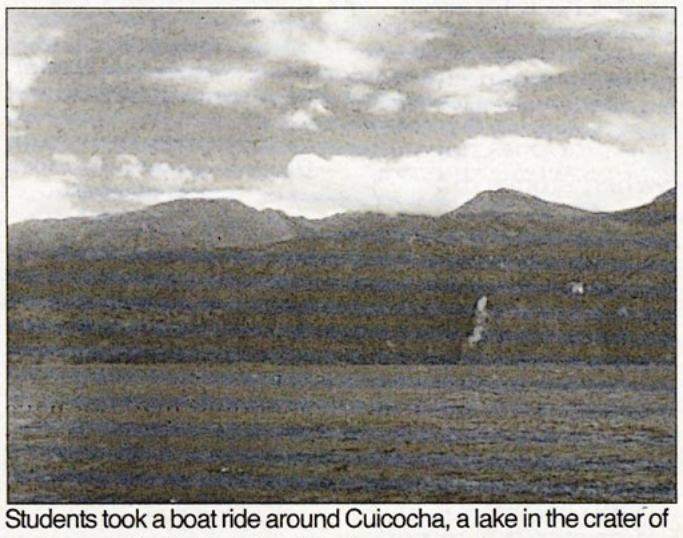
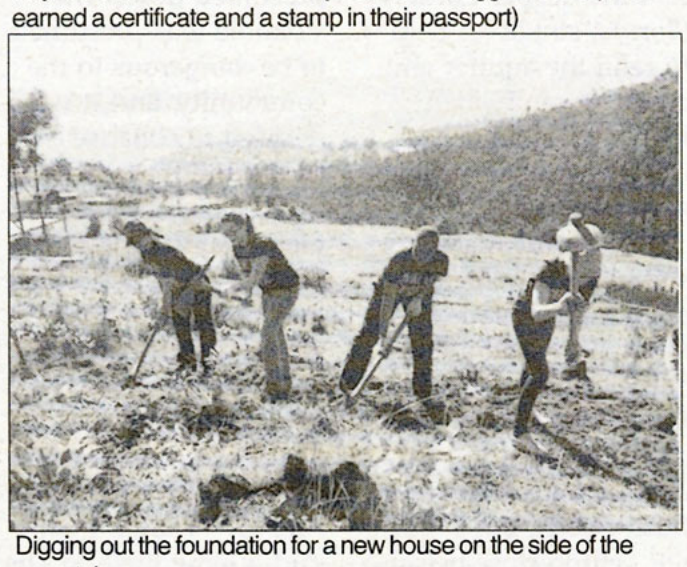
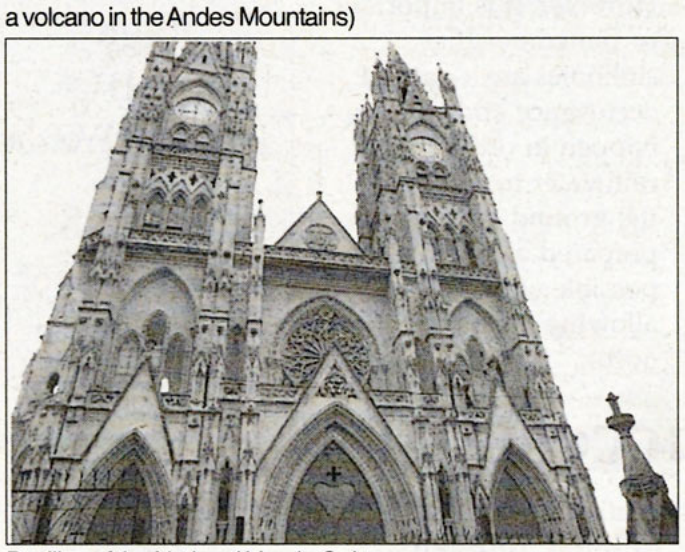


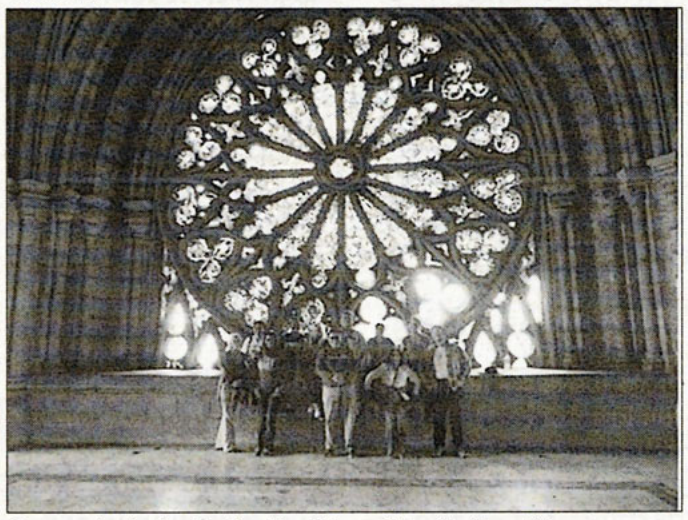
Students took a boat ride around Cuicocha, a lake in the crater of a volcano in the Andes Mountains)



Digging out the foundation for a new house on the side of the mountain.



Basilica of the National Vow in Quito



Group photo inside the Basilica of the National Vow

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the trip, that the trips are "more core-valued based than religious based."

The S.E.R.V.E. operation at Covecrest focused on the more religious aspects of the student organization and is well known as trip for the more catholic oriented of the student body. Covecrest is a well-known religious compound where students worked under groundskeeper Michael Berry to shape up the camp grounds for its *Life Teen Camp* programs it hosts from late May to early August.

"The scenery was beautiful," said S.E.R.V.E participant Jarrod Gasper.

"I would definitely do it again."

The complex is located in Georgia's mountainous northeast national forest accompanied by two waterfalls, which the students readily swam in despite the inclement weather. For faith and reflection you can also find solitude at the camp's 100-year old chapel.

Ultimately, the vibe from all of these groups was that these trips were very successful and each member took a lot from their trip, learning that serving the community is quite rewarding.

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News

David Persky has a plan to help

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This semester, Dr. Persky became the chair of the Undergraduate Criminal Justice Department. He has worked for our University for nearly fourteen years, and has excelled in leadership roles while maintaining his teaching career. Dr. Persky began his career with our university as a professor of various business and law related courses. Throughout his tenure, he worked his way up to becoming the academic programs administrator for Continuing Education, the Dean, and he additionally spent seven years as the assistant of Dr. Arthur F. Kirk, Jr., the president of Saint Leo University. His new office is located in Crawford Hall, where his successful career is evident by a wall full of accolades.

As the Chair of the Criminal Justice Department, Dr. Persky has several responsibilities and goals and describes some of them as follows:

"I plan to stay focused on issues of the students and faculty. Our department is continually reviewing courses to make them current and up to date, finding relevant textbooks, and keeping book costs reasonable. We review syllabi and make sure our adjunct faculty is properly skilled… We look for the best faculty members to teach."

Dr.Persky's tenure in the President's office helped him to learn what is important to students and faculty. He was exposed to many different situations and became familiar with handling the concerns of students. Faculty members in the Criminal Justice Department have distinct needs as well. He reflects on the past decade of service as a professor of law, criminal justice, business, and related courses to assess their needs. Recently, he has ventured into teaching sport business and graduate law classes.

"I have a PhD in higher education, a masters in counseling, and a Juris Doctor" Dr. Persky explains. "I was also the university attorney for spring and summer of 2011."

Another aspect of his role as the Department Chair is helping to find new faculty members. Currently his search committee has been approved to hire three new professors, one for the Virginia center, one for the savannah Georgia center, and they need a weekend professor to teach adult learners on campus. Every search committee is comprised of members of the department and faculty from another department. This mix of expertise helps to bring in a fresh, new perspective and to create a multifaceted faculty.

Dr. Persky explained what he looks for in each candidate: "We look for the best fit, we strive to achieve excellence. Dr. Kirk strongly encourages each department to look for the best candidate who will be a good fit, not just someone who can teach. We look for someone who knows about Saint Leo culture, knowledge about our university, and someone who has a great understanding of what it means to teach in such a close-knit community."

This strategy for picking faculty members helps to improve the quality of education for students tremendously. Finding professors who can connect with each student and who can understand their needs is what makes our campus a comfortable learning environment.

Dr. Persky is very dedicated to improving the criminal justice program and is working toward making major changes to improve the quality of education that is offered on campus.

"I am currently working with a student to make a more formal pre-law society. I work with Dr. Little as pre-law advisor to build a pre-law society that will grow and thrive in the semesters to come."

He went on to describe his goal of creating Moot Court competitions that our students can compete in. In these competitions, students typically research legal cases, prepare a legal brief, and each side argues their side. This debate-like style of learning resembles intercollegiate sports in many ways, and universities are known to compete against each other. The Criminal Justice Department is very confident about acquiring strategic initiative funds that will help launch this competition.

Dr. Persky plans on working with students and faculty in the Computer Information Systems program to develop a cyber security crime seminar. He says:

"Everyone is fairly high tech in one way or another. Because of this, the level of cyber crime is way up. I want to work on developing programs in that area. When our students graduate and enter work force, they will find themselves dealing with cyber crime, and this training will help them to handle it effectively."

On February 19th, there will be a seminar on human sex trafficking held at the Ocala center. According to Dr. Persky, there are already 125+ students, faculty, and members of the Criminal Justice profession who are registered to attend. He estimates that attendance will reach up to 160 persons. Current Criminal Justice professionals who are attending may not have a college education, and seminars of this sort can help inspire these professionals to attend our university. Dr. Persky is adamant about promoting our University and the Criminal Justice Department.

Pre-med club comes to the University

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A premedical club has come to Saint Leo University and word is getting around campus. The premedical club had their first meeting Wednesday, Feb. 20, and a great group showed up. Premedical majors and science enthusiasts are eager and ready to get started with this club. Some great things are already being talked about, and this club is hitting the ground running.

The club is being run by Dr. Carey, the professor for Anatomy and Physiology. He is making sure that students are involved and there will be activities for the Premedical students to get involved with. A few trips that are already being talked about are a trip to a hospital where the premedical club can actually watch a real time surgery take place. This will be a great opportunity for any student who is interested in the medical field to get a good look what there day to day activity will consist of.

There is also talk of a trip to Nova Southeastern University to go look at their medical school and see what they are looking for from a premedical student. This will help students to get ready for their up and coming futures. As Dr. Carey reminded the students at the meeting, the trail of education that all of them are on is not going to be easy. It is going to take a lot of hard work and you need to really want it.

There were a few words that really stuck with the students at the meeting: "I'm not a quitter, I won't give up and I'm not going away." Dr. Carey spoke these to everyone letting the students know he is there to help.

The premedical club of the University will strive to provide members of the club with volunteer opportunities as other exciting events. The premedical club follows the core values, such as personal development, respect, community, and personal stewardship by offering various volunteer opportunities and ways to be active and helpful on campus, while also gaining the understanding of the premedical field.

"I am so happy that the pre medical club has finally come to Saint Leo. Now there is a place that I can go to express my full love for the medical field and share that with people who have the same interests," said Junior Casie Strohson.

The main founder of the premedical club, Anuradhika Lepoth, said, "I want to just say that every pre-med major should join the club because we're in this together, and by having a club we can work together to achieve our goals."

This club is something the pre medical students have wanted for a while and now it is here. This shows all Saint Leo students that you can get anything with dedication and hard work.

Campus News

Students battle it out for top chef

By Eriqua McGhee
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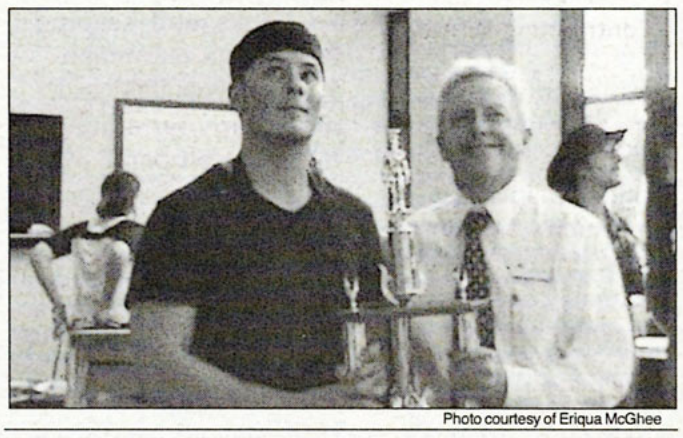
The atmosphere was tense as the coordinator revealed the mystery ingredient: pork tenderloins. Teams of students were pitted against one another in the third annual Battle of the Students Cook Off. Students in the event could be in pairs or come as a single participant. Two of the five teams present were females and the rest, males. The students had to make a dish that contained the mystery ingredient and present it to all four judges.

The challenge was particularly difficult for the contestants due to one of the judges being vegetarian. Teams had to create a similar vegetarian version of the dish that carried the same taste and quality. When the timer started, the team ran to the Fresh Market area to collect the vegetables needed for their dishes.

The dining area was full of delicious aromas, and it was hard to tell what the contestants were creating. In the middle of the Cook-Off, the MC of the night gave the judges the opportunity to walk around and ask the teams about their dish. Ms. Plecenik, Vice President of Business Affairs, was pleased to see Team Aaron create a vegetarian based dish with a pork twist on it: stuffed tomatoes. The contestants did their best to meet all the requirements to win the judges over.

The hour went by very quickly and one team, Team Dextonia, presented their dish before the hours end. The team presented a dish from her native land, Peru. It had rice, pork and vegetables in it, and for the vegetarian the cheese replaced the meat. The judges seemed impressed with Team Dextonia's dedication and presentation. Then the next team, Team David, served a pork linguini dish with potatoes and vegetables. The heartiness of his meal gave the judges a taste of pure Italy with an American twist. Team Katie was the third group to present, and they made mandarin pork with stir-fry. The judges were in awe by the simplicity of the food's presentation.

Team Aaron created stuffed tomatoes with cheesy bread at the last minute of the hour. The delicate taste and originality gave the judges an elegant vibe to the dish. Team Dakota served a classic fried pork with mustard sauce, mashed potatoes with homemade gravy, and fresh garden vegetables. The judges loved his approach to a classic dish and quickly began to score it.



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When scores were called, everyone held their breath. Team Dextonia and Team Katie tied for second runner up and Team Aaron swept up first runner up. The new Champion was none other than Team Dakota. He won a trophy, a grill, beach accessories, and bragging rights. He was very happy with being the winner of the Student Off. He hopes one day he will open his own restaurant, and he wants to keep his passion food alive.

iPhone plays role in surgery

By Jocelyne Hilary
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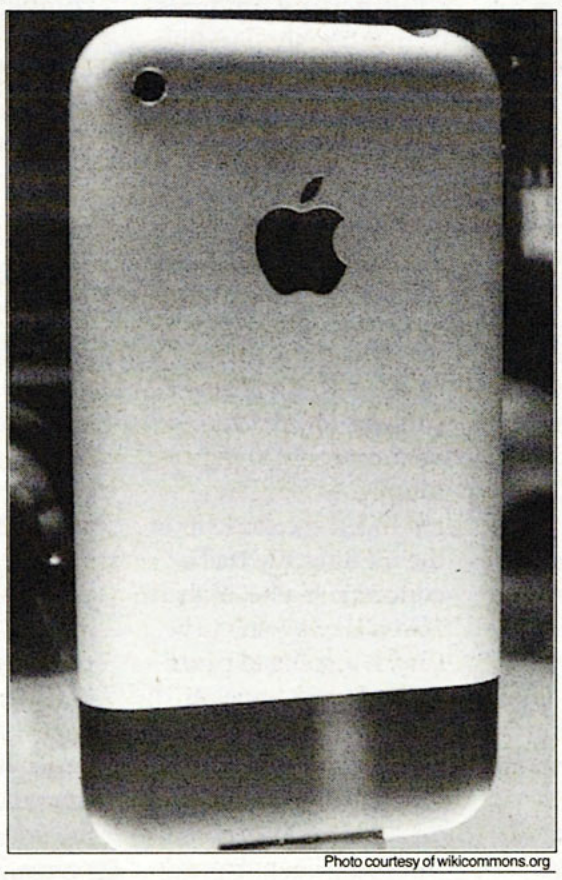
iPhones have without a doubt proven to be efficient for purposes other than calling and texting. With the built in iPod, great camera, imessage, internet and numerous apps, one would think everything was achieved. However, one function many would not have suspected the iPhone to be able to do is cure intestinal worm infections. Now how does any cellular device achieve this, let alone an iPhone?

Intestinal worm infections are very common, affecting up to two billion people a year. Most of these victims, however, come from more underdeveloped countries. Intestinal worm infections can occur due to various reasons including the consumption of filthy water, raw food, and on rare occasions skin absorption. The best cure for this is prevention as these intestinal parasites can deteriorate their host's health.

Typically, when these parasites have entered the body, they are known to infect gastrointestinal tracts. Despite being able to thrive anywhere in the human body, these worms tend to prefer the intestinal walls of their hosts. Symptoms of this parasitic infection vary from minor consequences such as fatigue, fever, dizziness, to more serious problems such as abdominal pain, lung congestion, and rectal prolapse.

In rural Tanzania, intestinal worm infections are very common among children. This inspired scientists to take samples of the learning environment and check for signs of possible parasite infections.



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What made this experiment stand out from others is the fact that the use of equipment was unique. The researchers used an iphone to play the role of a microscope while obtaining samples. The cellular device had an $8 ball lens attached to the original camera lens with double sided sticky tape and a regular torch.

The device was then used to take samples of objects in different rooms, hoping to identify any eggs so that the parasites could be removed before becoming hazardous. Dr.Isaac Bogoch, a specialist in internal medicine at Toronto General Hospital, was intrigued by smartphone microscope apps and wanted to "recreate it in a real world." The specialist had expressed that the only reason he had used an Apple device was because that was his personal handset device. Despite only being a test trial, the iphone had picked up 70 percent of present sample infections and 90 percent of heavily infected samples. This is not as efficient as microscopes, but it is a huge step in the future of smartphone usage and the use of cost efficient equipment.

The result of the experiment had greatly helped identifying the eggs of the parasites which were present in highly infected samples. This is optimistic news as this could help diagnose many children as the identification of eggs could substantially prevent the development of intestinal infections.

Campus News

Monster Fish Invade Florida's Waters

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Biologist Kelly Gestring caught a 14 pound fish in Broward County, nearly breaking an international record, and he isn't happy about it. The species of fish Gestring caught was a bullseye snakehead, an invasive species in Florida's freshwater systems. It can breathe air, enabling it to survive outside of water for days. They were discovered in Broward County's waters in 2000, and haven't been eliminated since.

While the snakeheads are relatively contained by Broward's canals and flood control systems, other invasive species are spreading out of control. The lionfish, one of the most devastating invasive species, has taken over Florida's coastal waters. These fish are a particular concern because they hunt the juvenile fish that populate Florida's reefs. This completely decimates the native fish population. Another issue is their poisonous spines keep other predators from hunting them, so their numbers go unchecked.

Overhunting of the juvenile fish sparks a chain reaction: with no juvenile fish, the adult fish population drops. This means less food for other native predatory fish, who suddenly have to compete with the lionfish. Even higher on the food chain, second and third level predators also have less to eat. In time, the lionfish could outcompete the native predators, completely cutting off upper-level predators from their food source.

There is concern that the snakehead will spread, much like the lionfish did, and take over all of Florida's fresh waters.

22 other non-native species have been found in Florida's fresh waters. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, over five hundred nonnative species of fish and wildlife have been found in Florida.

So how do the nonnative species get there? Aquarium owners are the primary culprits. When the fish get too big for their tanks or their owners tire of them, they are often released into the wild. Some marine species also travel in ships' ballast water. Ships take on foreign water over the course of their trip, sometimes capturing foreign fish as well. When these ships arrive at their destination, they release the ballast waters, and the fish are released as well. This is how the green mussel was introduced to the Tampa Bay area.

Other fish, such as the snakehead, are popular seafood. Breeders release these fish deliberately so they can sell the meat. Snakehead in particular are common in Asian seafood markets.

Controlling these species is tricky. With no natural predators, their populations can explode quickly. Some exotic species exist in nonnative waters for years before they are even discovered, causing even more problems.

Biologists and wildlife experts encourage citizens to hunt nonnative fish. In the Bahamas, this has proven hugely successful. Lionfish is a popular meal, known for its sweet, white meat. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is promoting people to eat the invasive snakehead. Despite its ugly appearance, apparently it's delicious. Happy eating.

Playstation 4 Press Release Takes Media By Storm

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On Feb. 21, Sony announced the upcoming release of its new gaming console, the Playstation 4.

The PS4 will be the first of the next generation of gaming consoles, joined by the yet-unannounced Xbox 720. It's set to release in late 2013, just before the holiday rush.

The announcement came as somewhat of a surprise. Rumors of the Xbox 720 have been circulating for months, and many expected the press release for the new Xbox to come first.

The specs for the new system are impressive: an eight core CPU, high-speed memory, Blu-ray and DVD support, and HDMI output. The new controller has a touchpad, and the system will be able to track where the controller is in the room using the PS4 Eye, a Kinect-inspired camera that goes with the system. The Playstation network is also being improved, and social media is a priority. Gamers will be able to connect to Facebook and other sites to share their achievements while playing.

Most exciting is the PS4's ability to connect to the Vita. The Vita is Playstation's mobile gaming system. With the PS4, gamers will be able to stream the PS4 games directly onto their Vita.

Gaming companies are already developing games for the new system. Notably, Assassin's Creed 4, which comes out Oct. 30, will be released for both PS3 and PS4.

So come holiday 2013, will we be seeing the new system around campus? Well, the cost of a new system is always hefty. Sony didn't release a statement about the cost, but estimates are about 600 dollars. Other gamers are wary of purchasing a system after it first comes out. When the Xbox 360 was first released in 2005, the system had problems with the infamous "red ring of death," which caused it to crash without warning. These gamers wait a year or two after the initial release for the glitches to work themselves out and the price to drop.

All the same, people are getting excited for the new system's release. Some students are already saving up money to purchase the PS4 immediately after it becomes available. Expect excited gamers to be talking about the new system, gossiping about how it'll compare to the Xbox 720, and posting about it to their Facebook pages.

Arts & Entertainment

The Serphent: One Person, One Society, One Lemming

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One lemming. A society that thinks everything is black or white. One lemming. People who have trouble being sympathetic or empathetic. The Serpent is a play that addresses the kind of previously mentioned actions. A play that embodies human actions and follies, and addresses them so the audience has no choice but to critically think while not watching, but experiencing.

The Serpent is not the average play. There are no props, costumes are dehumanized in a way that the entire cast wears black and there is very minimal to no make-up. Not the usual play in any sense, but that is the point. The Serpent is not meant to entertain, give hope, nor smiles. Rather, The Serpent is to be an eye-opener into the actions humans have took since the days of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to the pain and suffering that is occurring in modern times. Humans contribute more problems to the world because of greed, pride, envy, lust, racism, bullying and numerous other sins that are more destructive such as societal sins, such as the tragedy that is genocide.

The play is set to be after the Vietnam War; a time of great tragedy and confusion. People wanted to be different, to break free, and discover what freedom really is. All the while a war was going on. This is where The Serpent starts, with an autopsy of a body. The cast slowly takes the body apart separating what makes a human a human, physically at first, but then the play breaks away to the next scene, and goes deeper than flesh. The actors use story telling of some famous events in history that had great tragedy. All the sins of these tragedies or then related to the first temptation, an apple tree in the Garden of Eden. The cast do not have roles, rather they embody identities that every human can relate to. The play breaks down each event like the story of Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel into the sources of pain and suffering that are within those stories into scenes of pure words and emotions. This is to give the audience an understanding of how human folly has developed through-out years and years.

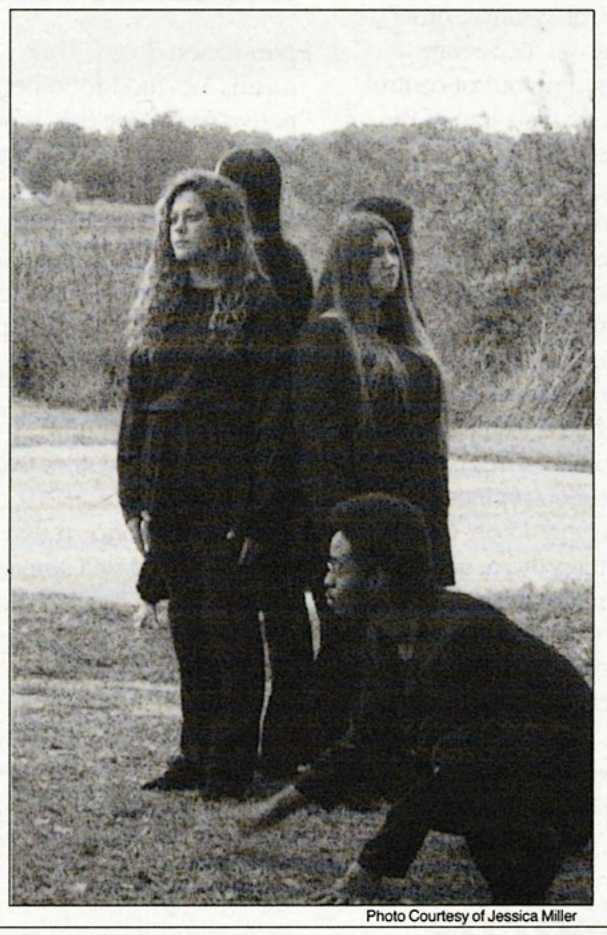
"Blind man's hell scene when we were doing a confession was one of the most powerful scenes in the play, because it makes you think, 'what am I ashamed of?" Said senior Heather Galvin.
The Serpent is intended to make one really think about their place in the world, and how they are slowly shaping it because of their individual actions. The play goes further to point out that when many thoughts combine into one strong direction that society has, it really shapes the treatment of others. The societal 'norms' can be very dangerous if they are something that is harmful to others. There is a scene that is quite powerful compared to the others, which could be referenced to as "One Lemming."

Photo Courtesy of Jessica Miller

A lemming is a small rodent. It has a migration pattern that moves it in masses of hundreds and thousands. The lemmings will try to cross land only, but, when the time comes, being adept swimmers, will jump carelessly off of cliffs into water in order to reach their destination. They are often confused with the thought that they are committing mass suicides, but it is not so. However, lemmings can be compared quite well to humans. One lemming, or one human, gets an idea, and sends it off to the masses. It then convinces the others that it's idea is good and true, and takes that one with it, and that one gathers another, and another till there is a huge migration of one thought or feeling. The mass becomes such a strong drawl, that the individuals start to stop questioning why they do something, and just do it, even if it means running off a cliff. This one thought can be as like how the serpent gave a thought to Eve, and Eve gave a thought to Adam.

"I felt we [Humans] needed it," said director of The Serpent and Professor David McGinnis talking about humans needed that play at this point in history, so that we can see the suffering they have created from selfish ideas and stop suffering from continuing.

The cast of The Serpent receive numerous insights, as did the audiences that experienced the play in one of the many locations the cast performed. The reason for the multiple locations, according to McGinnis, is to prove that a set and props are not needed in order to produce great and memorable work. In addition, it also force numerous people, who did not see the whole play for one reason or another, to see snippets of it, and get some kind of a 'this is something that is happen' experience as students and staff walked by on their way to somewhere.



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The Serpent created many memories for those that had any experience with the play; everyone gets something unique out of it, and enjoys the real-life lesson feeling, compared to pure entertainment. In time, with the insights that have been gained, hopefully, people will bring it forward and create a brighter future for all.

Arts & Entertainment

GLE-O, The Untold Story of the "True" Directions

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If anyone ever wanted to know the true story of college that the brochures can't tell them, they would have to look no further than GLE-O: The Untold Story of the "True" Directions.

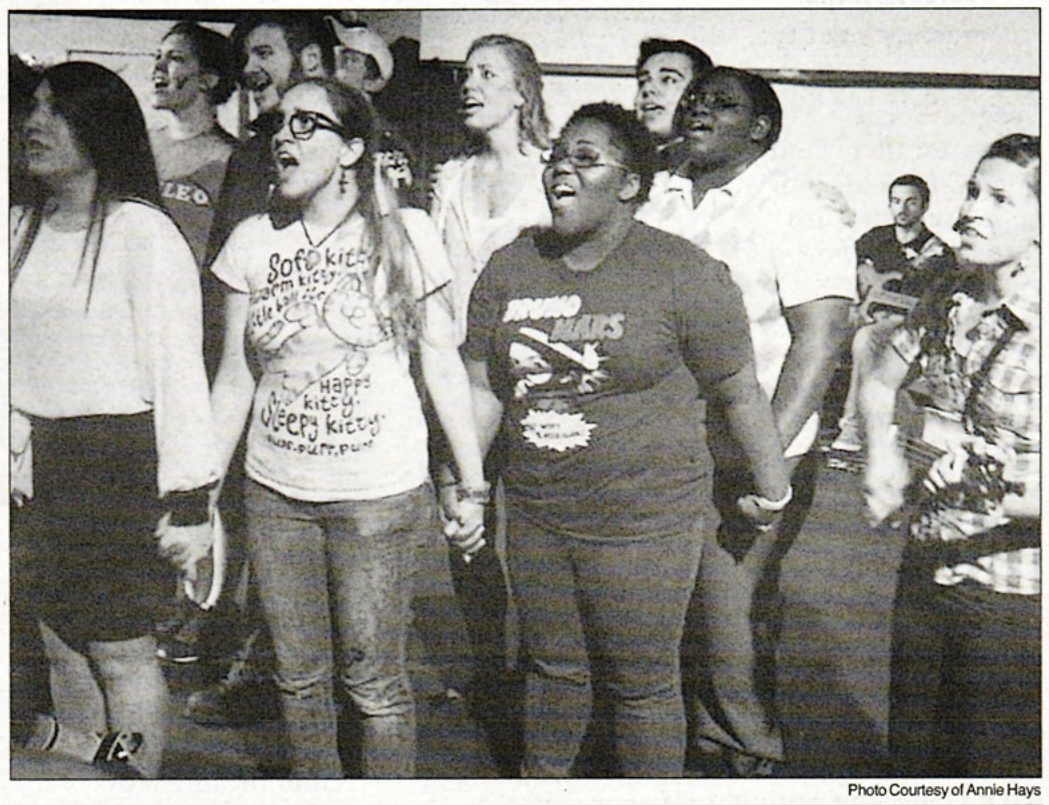
The musical followed a variety of students during one year at St. GLE-O University. Act One is set as the first semester at GLE-O. Ms. Melis (Amy Persaud), the drama ministry teacher at Saint GLE-O University, tries to put on the show Wicked in her class Drama Ministry 123.

After receiving an impressive color coordinated resume from Tina the biology major (Elizabeth Panek) and hearing some impressive auditions from Barbie the blonde (Anysia Weicht), Lori the Scottish exchange student (Jenifer MacDonald), Nikki the stuck up overachiever (Noelle Bertossi), and more, the cast was ready to start rehearsals.

Meanwhile, Cookie the cheerleader (Haley Wing) is trying to help the shy Freshman Lynn (Lindsey Thilmony) become a popular cheerleader. Then when Nikki finds out she did not get the part in Wicked she wanted, she decided to hold The Wizard of Oz the same weekend to get revenge.

All throughout the musical, the cast deals with their personal issues and insecurities. They ranged from Barbie's fears of not being able to pay for college and thus not being able to graduate, Layne's (Jake Gates) drug addiction, Tina's struggle to make straight A's, Marshall's (Danny François) attempted suicide, and Charlie's (Jamilah Ray) struggle with her girlfriend.

College is a blast as the musical proved. The audience and I



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were in stitches for most of the performance. Cookie's stereotypical dumb cheerleader antics and Tina's hyperactive nerd persona in particular were absolutely hysterical.

The musical also showed the not so fun part of college. One of the songs sung during the first day of school - "What is this Feeling?" - showed the love/hate relationship between Nikki and Stacy (Genny Feiler), whom were two polar opposite roommates who didn't get along for most of the musical.

But in the end, after the cast had to endure trials, tribulations, and nasty love triangles, they all pulled together to overcome their difficulties as a drama ministry.

This musical was perfect for anyone affiliated with college, especially the Saint Leo community. Incoming freshmen can get a humorous and serious look at college, seniors can laugh at all the things they will soon be leaving, and professors will be inspired to be as helpful and caring to their students as Ms. Nelis was.

Praise and Worship

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Every Wednesday from 9 to 10 p.m., Campus Ministry gathers in the St. Jude Chapel to celebrate Praise and Worship. Or as Campus Minister Matt Cranley calls it:

"Our opportunity to reunite ourselves to God and refocus our hearts back on our creator."

On the outside, this event mainly consists of Matt playing his guitar and singing modern Christian songs. Most in attendance sing along, and sometimes those in attendance even get to see Fr. Stephan Brown dancing along to Matt's music.

"My favorite part is the singing because I feel that we're uniting our prayers to God," said Senior Josephina Brugalette.

But the most important part is what you do not see. While there is time for intermittent quiet time for prayer and reflection, many in attendance see the whole experience as a prayer, and a very powerful one at that.

"Every time I come I feel that God reveals something new to me through prayer," said Josephina.

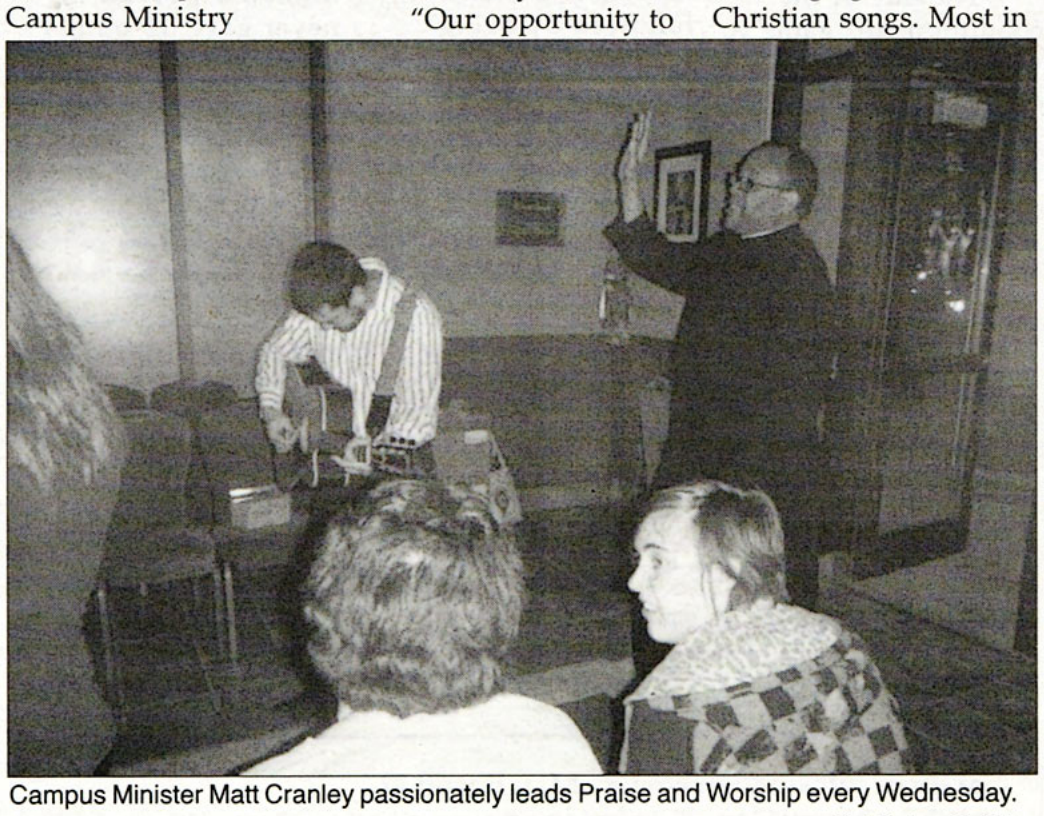
Even Cranley, who has been doing this for years, says, "Every time I praise and worship I feel like I'm renewed and refreshed. I'm excited to go back out there to my studies and job."

While Praise and Worship is about personally reconnecting with God, it is also a community event.

"I like the fact that everyone's coming not out of obligation like on Sundays, and we take time out of our week to focus on something bigger than ourselves." But then personally "it helps me deal with my mother's sickness," said Junior Abi Fox.

So who is invited to participate in this moving experience every week?

"Anybody, every faith, anybody who wants to praise God is welcome," said Cranley.



Campus Minister Matt Cranley passionately leads Praise and Worship every Wednesday.

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Sports

Inside the Journey of Doug Logan

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Corey Saccone and Doug Logan — Photo courtesy of Corey Saccone

Former Major League Soccer commissioner, Doug Logan, tells his story about working up through the sport and entertainment industry.

As an attendee of Manhattan College in New York, Doug Logan wanted to become a sports writer his freshman year. Throughout high school he was a letterman, enjoying sports such as soccer and boxing among others.

The newspaper gave Doug one option, and that was to cover the cross country team. As he approached Hall of Fame Coach, George Eastment, the first words to come out of Coach Eastment's mouth were: "Have you ever run the cross country course?"

Once Logan replied by saying "no," Coach then told him he was not allowed to talk to his athletes until running the course.

Running the course everyday with the athletes and becoming close gave him valuable information for his articles. Logan also covered track and field and baseball throughout his freshman and sophomore years. He was promoted to assistant editor, but after his sophomore year his sports writing days were put to rest.

Before getting his career started, Doug worked at the legendary ballpark of Yankee Stadium. He witnessed games by the New York Giants play, the Yankees, and stars such as Mantle and Mays control center field. All of these scenes were caught up and down the aisles of Yankee Stadium as a beer vendor.

As Chief Executive Officer of U.S.A Track and Field, Logan worked with the paid staff and promoted the sport. They put together a team to bring to Beijing where they won 23 medals. He then challenged the federation by setting a goal to have the U.S win 30 medals in London this past summer; and not only were they to be 30 medals, but 30 "clean" (Nonperformance enhancing) medals. Being highly doubted by many, the U.S came only one short, and took 29 medals in London.

"I always set goals, and I'm public about the goals I set. The best thing to do to promote is to promote a winner," said Logan.

Although it may seem that Mr. Logan is all about sports, he certainly knows a thing or two about the entertainment industry.

As senior Vice President of Ogden Entertainment Services, he helped promote the company which was the fifth largest promotional company in the world. The company compiled and promoted shows such as Michael Jackson, Neil Diamond, Paul McCartney, Rolling Stones, Madonna, and many more.

His big strike came in the 90's. Logan owned a CBA (Continental Basketball Association) team in California called the San Diego Wildcards, so he spent some time out on the West Coast. He was driving to meet friends at Pebble Beach to play golf when he got a call in August 1995 about being the commissioner of Major League Soccer.

After thinking about the offer for a while, he agreed to an interview which was set for the second week of October of that year. He was offered the job two weeks later. MLS held a press conference about the hiring the weekend before Thanksgiving.

So the fun began in April 1996 as the league opened to play in 10 cities. Logan spent about 80 percent of his time on the road because he was running 11 businesses, 10 cities, plus the league itself. The league averaged 17,000 fans per game that season.

"The day of the championship game it was pouring. The stadium had a capacity of 37,000, and we had 35,000 people at the game standing and cheering the whole time. The field was under seven inches of water at one point," said Logan.

The game went into extra time and D.C United beat L.A Galaxy. Before his tenure as commissioner was over, the league expanded into Chicago and Miami for a total of 12 teams. Today MLS is up to 19 teams (16 being in the U.S and 3 in Canada).

While withMLS, Logan and his staff were named Sports Industrialists of the Year by the Sports Business Daily. This honor came following the first completed season by MLS. David Stern and the NBA were the first recipients of this award, and the MLS followed by being second.

"I thought I was getting an interview, not an honor. The call came as a complete shock when we got it. I couldn't do it myself. It was certainly a team effort," said Logan.

In 2001, a group of investors looked at what Mr. Logan did with soccer and asked him to sit down and draw up a business plan for a possible National Rugby League. Logan helped finance the potential deal, but after many attempts Rugby just was not a go.

"I'm not sure if I can see a Rugby league coming to America. There are so many successful sports right now as it is," he said.

The American Soccer team is ranked very well in our nation, while the U.S Rugby National team is ranked 24. That won't necessarily help the case because Americans like to back a winner. Logan also went on to help promote the Arena Football League.

Mr. Logan proved that no matter what industry, there is always room to move up and exceed expectations. He worked his way through ups and downs in both the sport and entertainment industries, yet he never gave up on his journey.

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